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Fifty years ago upon a turbulent sea of Upper Canadian Journalism, strewn with many wrecks, was launched a little craft, with an odd name and with a pilot almost a stranger to the people of Kingston or the then Midland District.

The Whig was first issued from the building adjoining the Atholmont, Brook St., then from the Atholmont, after it had been vacated as a theatre.

Upon this spot for thirty-eight years Dr. Barker guided its destinies with a spirit and perseverance that made his best successes the most intricate.

The opportunities for preparing a special edition like this are few, since they have to be snatched from the unceasing cares of the counting room.

To the regular patrons of the paper, now numbering over 3,000, I can but feebly express my thanks for a support that has grown beyond any mere or anticipatory of my own.

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TAKING A PEEP.

As Kingston Fifty Years Ago - A Great Evolution of Streets, Buildings and Industries.

Kingston has been of late years looking hopefully forward, with the glass magnifying present events and prospects. Let us reverse the glass for a moment and look back fifty years, into the settlement then appealing for recognition as a town.

The Kingston of to-day, to be statistically inclined for the benefit of those who may read this number in the 1900s, has a population of 15,000, with the suburbs of Barrfield, Garden Island and Portsmouth, adding 1200 more, has been built up over a circuit 3 miles broad and 2 miles east and west possesses 18 churches, four thriving colleges, four banks, and the handsomest public buildings, taken altogether, in the province.

Queen's University, with beautiful building the gift of the citizens, 300 students and a staff of 75 Professors. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons 12 professors, 120 students.

Provincial Penitentiary, 600 prisoners a model institution. Rockwood Asylum for the Insane, 450 inmates in the very front rank for equipment and efficiency of modern humane institutions.

General Hospital, with an average of 45 patients. L'Wool Disp., treating about 15 patients. House of Industry, giving homes to 45 of the aged and destitute.

Canadian Locomotive & Engine Works, making five locomotives each month; 470 men. Kingston Cotton Mill, 120 employees.

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THE FOUNDER OF THE BRITISH WHIG.



DR. BARKER.

THE MILITARY.

Battery B, Canadian Artillery and Royal School of Gunnery, occupying Tete du Pont Barracks, Forts Henry and Frederick, 14th Volunteer Rifles, Kingston Field Battery, Headquarters of the 4th Frontenac Battalion and 4th Regiment of Cavalry.

A BOHEMIAN'S WORK.

Canada has as fine a class of reporters as any country under the sun, and some of the best and most useful members of the profession in the leading American cities had from the land of the beaver and the maple leaf.

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF 1883.

With Years of First Service to Council - The Majors of Kingston - City Officials.

- Ald. William Allen, 1876. Ald. C. F. Giddens, 1865. Ald. John McHenry, 1871. Ald. R. J. Carson, 1873. Ald. Edward Law, 1874. Ald. Leonard Clements, 1875. Ald. William Wilson, 1877. Ald. T. H. McGure, 1879. Ald. William Irving, 1879. Ald. J. Downing, 1880. Ald. James Redden, 1880. Ald. Wm. G. Gordon, 1881. Ald. E. H. Smyth, 1881. Ald. James Wilson, 1881. Ald. George Croggan, 1882. Ald. James Quigley, 1882. Ald. Wm. Dunn, 1883. Ald. J. L. Whiting, 1883. Ald. H. J. Coakley, 1883. Ald. F. Shaw, 1883. Ald. May Livingston.

- Thomas Kirkpatrick, April 2, 1858. John S. Cartwright, January 14, 1859. Declined serving. Henry Cassaday, April 1, 1859. Died in office. James Sampson, September 12, 1859. James Sampson, April 6, 1860. John Conner, April 5, 1861. John Conner, April 4, 1862. John Conner, April 3, 1863. James Sampson, April 1, 1864. T. W. Robinson, April 1, 1865. Robert McLean, April 9, 1866.

- John Conner, 1846. Thomas Kirkpatrick, 1847. William Ford Jr., 1848. Francis M. Hill, 1849. John Conner, 1850. Francis M. Hill, 1851. John Conner, 1852. John Conner, 1853. John Flanagan, 1854. John Conner, 1855. Overton S. Giddens, 1856. George Davidson, 1857. John Flanagan, 1858. Orlando S. Strange, 1859. Orlando S. Strange, 1860. Overton S. Giddens, 1861. John Croggan, 1863. John Croggan, 1864. John Croggan, 1865. John Brogan, 1866. John Brogan, 1867. John Brogan, 1868. William Robinson, 1869. William Robinson, 1870. Archibald Livingston, 1871. S. T. Brennan, 1872. Henry Cunningham, 1873. Michael Sullivan, 1874. Michael Sullivan, 1875. Byron M. Britton, 1876. John McNeely, 1877. John McNeely, 1878. C. F. Giddens, 1879. Robert J. Carson, 1880. E. J. B. Pines, 1881. John Gaskin, 1882. C. Livingston, 1883.

- Clerk, M. Flanagan, 1845. Assistant Clerk, F. Macarow, 1878. Treasurer, F. C. Ireland, 1879. Solicitor, James Agnew, 1858. Assessor, W. S. Gordon, 1881. Clerk of Market, etc., Alexander Smyth, 1869. Collectors, W. S. Gordon and Lewis Middleton, 1879. Messenger, Andrew Langan, 1864. City Engineer, Wm. Cowdall, 1854. Chief of Police, Edwin Horsey, 1882. Chief of Fire Brigade, Edwin Horsey, 1878.

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The business men of Kingston were more hopeful than practical in 1874. They met en masse to organize a scheme to create water power for Kingston by damming the Cataract at Bell's Island, or running a sluice from Kingston Mills or Longshore Lake, John Macaulay, Thos. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Sampson, Wm. Garrett, A. Managan, John Conner and G. W. Yarker were leading spirits in the chimerical enterprise.

There are not a few survivors of the male residents in Kingston of July 1813. Those so mercifully preserved to us are - John Stuart Smyth, now of Kingston. Augustus Tibbels, now of Kingston. Robert Sellers, now of Kingston. William Darley, now of Frontenac. Thos. Darley, now of Kingston. Peter Linn, now of Kingston. John Tubb, now of Frontenac. James Mitchell, now of Kingston. Miles Kegan, now of Kingston. J. B. Forester, now of Kingston. Jas. Sinclair, now of New York.

THE CARRIER BOY.

One of the noblest little fellows on record - A Fine Card Touched - Black Jack.

It has been going on for a year past - Jack is a carrier for one of the dairies, and his circuit takes in a byre on - Street. One day last spring a baby crowned at him from an open door, and Jack tossed an apple into the hall. The next day the baby was watching for him, and the boy made bold to slip up the steps and pat the little chap on the head and leave the stick of candy he had purchased two miles away.

And something more. One day he brought up a quarter of a pound of tea and left it where the mother would find it, and this was followed by other parcels and articles. One day he missed the baby and crept into the hall to find he had crept himself to sleep and that the mother was ill and helpless. Jack roused up the neighbors and whatever was eaten in that house for the next two weeks was purchased with Jack's money. The mother could only thank him a few words. She could not speak two words of English.

A fortnight ago Jack missed baby again, and again he found the mother ill. Friends were with her this time and she did not suffer for care. A week ago there was crying on the door as the carrier went his round, and baby was carried off by a neighbor. When Jack came around the next day the mother had been buried and people were watching to tell him that the house was to be vacated and baby was to go to a distant city. He had been brought back to bid the carrier good-bye and the poor and lowly people drew off with tears in their eyes, and Jack sat on the door-step and took baby in his lap and smoothed his white head and kissed his red cheeks. Baby clung round his neck and seemed to realize that he was about to lose a friend, and as one who stood by expressed it.

Then baby cried and Jack cried, and the women put their aprons up and sobbed like children. When they finally took the child away Jack's heart was big enough to break, and throwing his arms around the little chap for the last time he turned and ran away and never looked back.

We have reproduced this touching little story because it witnesses as eloquently as any direct words of ours could the fine manly generous qualities that often dwell in the carrier boys. Their numbers have grown with the years until too boys are nightly to be seen where a two or quartette formerly had the field to themselves, but though there are bad sheep among them as in every flock, and though they are now unto distraction stuff they are in the main honorable and chivalrous towards each other and the office.

The new year address of the paper has borne this dedicatory symbol so long that its origin has probably never reached the subscribers of the present generation. Black Jack was no myth but a veritable little fellow who 45 years ago carried the household delicacies to its patrons. Jack was as well known in those days and as much an institution of the place as was that active news boy Garribald, twenty years ago. He has borne the honors of the annual post-address for eight into fifty years, and now of no successors have been advanced to own him as the Nestor of their profession. Dr. Barker Sangster, McColl, S. K. Marshall, Murray of Hamilton, the late W. H. Fuller and Wm. Ferguson and last, but not least G. F. Cameron, who this year has waded the mire so sweetly have thought it no disgrace to add intellectual brilliancy to his ever brightening fame.

PRIZE LIST.

- Stallion - John Marks, Robert Beath. Working-horse - Geo. Strachan, Arch. McIntyre. Breed Mare and Colt - M. Weiborne. Geo. Strachan, William Fair. Colt - Robt. Bertie, Col. Mitchell. Bull - John Marks, C. Stringer, Robt. Gibson. Milk Cow - Robt. Lamb, Edw. Noble, Geo. H. Heffer - Robert Lamb. Steers - John Marks, Thos. Collins. Oxen - John McLean, Thos. Brooks, Mat. Burnett. Ram - John Marks, Tustin Snook. Ewes - John Warner, John Marks. Lambs - John Marks, A. McMichael. Boar - John Marks, Alex. Cowan. Sow - John Rossall, Mrs. Fergus. Quack - Robt. Caldwell, John Patterson. Cluck - Alex. Cowan. Ducks - Thos. Rice, Mrs. Corbett. The shows were held in the then open space opposite St. Andrew's Church.

The honor of being the oldest editor on the United States press, either religious or secular, which has been claimed for the Rev. Dr. S. C. Jennings was commenced his journalistic labors in 1829.